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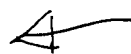
SPD PROGRAM SUPPORTS WESTERN ALLIANCE COMMITMENT

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[Excerpts] Bonn, 19 Dec (DPA) -- The Social Democrats are backing their claim to return to government with a call for social justice in distributing the burdens arising from the economic crisis, and for a strong presentation of German interests in foreign policy in order to secure peace and achieve progress in disarmament. With massive criticism of the "wrong path" taken in both domestic and foreign policy by the New Bonn "rightwing coalition" of the CDU/CSU and the FDP, the SPD election program, decided on Friday night by the party executive, stresses that the Federal Republic needs a competent government again.

According to DPA's information on Sunday, the SPD executive placed even stronger emphasis on the draft election manifesto, submitted by a commission, on the party's demand for a compromise, both on the part of the United States and the Soviet Union, at their Geneva talks on medium-range nuclear missiles. The SPD leadership is thus emphasizing its reservations against the siting of the new U.S. nuclear missiles in the Federal Republic.

A commission chaired by the deputy SPD parliamentary group leader in the Bundestag, Horst Ehmke, discussed in Bonn today the 156 proposals for the election manifesto submitted by party members that is to be finally adopted at the SPD election congress on 21 January in Dortmund.

On foreign policy, the SPD reaffirms its commitment to the West alliance as a prerequisite for the security of the Federal Republic and stresses that security and detente are equal parts of an active policy of peace. The program speaks of the principle of "partnership in security" since, in view of the destructive potential of nuclear weapons, there is no security against but only with the opponent. The Geneva talks must be conducted with the goal of dismantling Soviet missiles in order to make the introduction of new U.S. medium-range missiles redundant. There should not be automatic acceptance for the siting of new U.S. missiles. The SPD will do everything in its power to avoid this deployment and make a new decision about the NATO decision in Autumn 1983. The goal of a nuclear weapon-free Europe is also reaffirmed. 

SPD WINNER IN HAMBURG PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION

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[Text] Hamburg, 19 Dec (DPA) -- According to preliminary official final results, the Social Democrats won 51.3 percent of the votes and thus 64 seats in the new state parliament in Sunday's parliamentary elections. According to the preliminary official final results released by state electoral officer Werner Hackmann at 2225, the CDU received 38.4 percent and 48 seats, while the Green alternative list received 6.8 percent and so failed for the third time.

Kohl Reaction

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[Excerpt] Bonn, 20 Dec (DPA) -- Following the parliamentary elections in Hamburg on Sunday in which the CDU suffered considerable losses, Federal Chancellor Helmut Kohl continues to see "good chances" for his party to win the general elections on 6 March. At a press conference in Bonn today, the chancellor admitted the CDU suffered a "setback" in Hamburg. However, this setback will spur the party to good results in the general elections. "We intend to take up the challenge contained in this result," Kohl emphasized.

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CSU, FDP Heads Comment

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[Excerpts] Hamburg, 19 Dec (DPA) -- In the Hamburg state parliament election the SPD has regained the absolute majority which it lost in June. CSU Chairman Franz Josef Strauss said that although he had reckoned with an SPD victory in Hamburg, he had not expected an absolute majority. Statements about a test election for Bonn were "simply wrong." There can also be no implication of a defeat for Helmut Kohl. It is now the task of the Union [CDU/CSU] to make clear to the electorate that the negative consequences of the policies of former Chancellor Helmut Schmidt will continue for some time. FDP General Secretary Irmgard Adam-Schwartz said that the bad results for her party are due to the fact that the process of reorganization in the Hamburg GDP has not been finished due to a lack of time. She was not surprised by the result, which had already been signalled by opinion polls.

CDU, SPD Comment

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[Excerpts] Bonn 19 Dec (DPA) -- CDU General Secretary Heiner Geissler said in a first comment on the results of the Hamburg elections that the results can't be transferred to a federal level. The city parliament elections in Hamburg were the last Helmut Schmidt election. The Social Democrats' argument that Schmidt was treacherously toppled were especially effective in the former chancellor's home town.

SPD Federal Manager Peter Glotz described the projected results of the Hamburg city parliament elections as an "extremely pleasing result" for the SPD. The results for the SPD make the party optimistic that their chancellor candidate, Hans-Jochen Vogel, has an "excellent starting position" in the federal elections scheduled for 6 March. He called the Hamburg results the just desserts for the policies of the new Federal Government and a loss for Chancellor Helmut Kohl.

BERLIN CITY PLANNERS PROPOSE NEW CROSSING POINT

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[Text] Berlin, 18 Dec (DPA) -- Setting up a new crossing point for visitors at Potsdamer Platz has been proposed by city planners in Berlin for intra-Berlin travel. Since the building of the wall, the area around Potsdamer Platz, which formerly connected the quarter at the former Reichskanzlei and Leipziger Strasse with the Tiergarten quarter, has become wasteland because of the border installations. It is claimed that East Berlin planners, too, have shown interest in the proposal during unofficial contacts with West Berlin architects. So far there are no official talks on this. Senate circles believe that chances for a new crossing point to East Berlin are at present very low. Architects had also included in their considerations the reopening of the Brandenburg Gate as a "classic" connection between the east and west of the city. However, at present such proposals are no longer pursued, not even by the planners, since they were hardly realizable at the political level.

GENSCHER INTERVIEWED ON EC PRESIDENCY

LD101344 Hamburg DPA in German 1215 GMT 19 Dec 82

[Text] Bonn, 19 Dec (DPA) -- Federal Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher sees prospects for a new form of cooperation in the EC, including in security policy, during the next half of 1983 when Bonn assumes the presidency of the European Council. In an interview for ANSA, the Italian news agency, Genscher stressed his hope that a "European act" would be adopted at a ceremonial council meeting.